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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 30, 1999 in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 38 and 39 without prejudice.